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Dates: September 3-15, 1996

### New for 1996

- New Subzone B has been added to the area open for hunting. The daily bag limit in subzone B will be three birds.

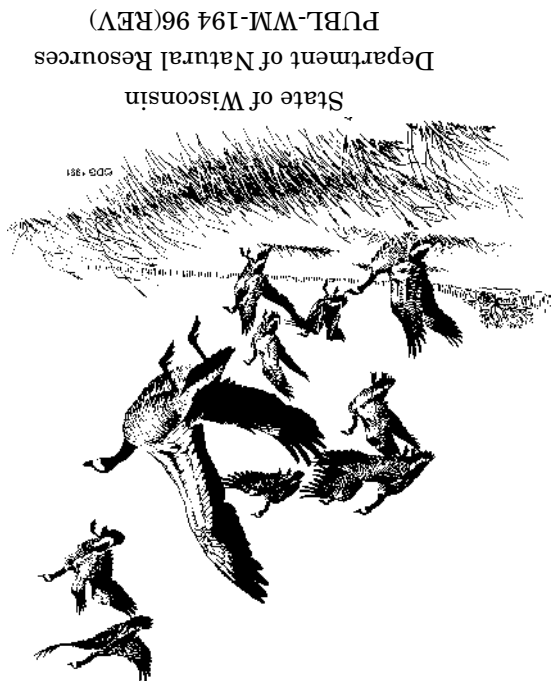
#### Warning

Some of the areas located in these goose hunting subzones have local firearm discharge restrictions. Please contact the appropriate local enforcement authorities to see if there are any local restrictions on the discharge of firearms in the area you plan to hunt in.

**Participation:** The season is open to all licensed hunters who possess an Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit. Permit applications, using DNR forms available for \$3.00, must be complete and legible and POST-MARKED OR RECEIVED by the Department at 101 S. Webster in Madison, Wisconsin no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 2, 1996. Participation in this hunt will not affect your participation in any Zone hunt for regular Canada goose seasons. The permit application deadline for 1997 will be August 1.

#### Daily Bag and Possession Limits:

Subzone A - 5 Canada geese daily, 10 in possession  
Subzone B - 3 Canada geese daily, 6 in possession  
No other species of migratory game birds may be taken.



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- Retrieval:** No person may kill or cripple any game bird without making every reasonable effort to retrieve such bird. A hunter who cripples a bird which falls or moves into open water may immediately pursue the bird into open water and shoot from a boat propelled by paddle, oars or pole.
- Tagging:** No person may give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:
  - The hunter's signature.
  - The hunter's address.
  - The total number of birds involved, by species.
  - The dates such birds were killed.
- Possession of live birds:** Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.
- Important:** For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66 (a copy can be obtained from the USFWS address shown under "Caution").
- Shipment:** No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:
  - The name and address of the person sending the birds.
  - The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent.
  - The number of birds, by species, contained in the package.
- Transportation:** Migratory game birds may be field dressed before they are transported from the field. However, the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported from the field to the person's permanent abode and (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode to the permanent abode.
- Bird Bands:** Should you obtain a bird band, flatten it out and tape it to a 3X5 card or simply write the number on a 3X5 card. Add the date and location of recovery and your name and address. Mail the card to: National Biological Service B.B.L. 12100 Beach Forest Rd. Ste.-4037 Laurel, Maryland 20708-4037. You may also call 1-800-327-BAND to report a bird band. Thank you!

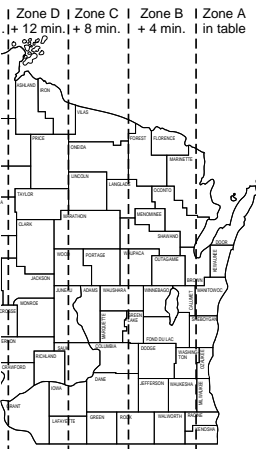
### Calculating hunting hours

Three hunting hour zones are shown on the map below. Add the minutes shown for the zone in which you are hunting to the opening and closing times listed under "Hunting Hours".

#### Hunting Hours

Sept. 3	5:48-7:23
Sept. 4	5:49-7:22
Sept. 5	5:50-7:20
Sept. 6	5:51-7:18
Sept. 7	5:52-7:16
Sept. 8	5:53-7:15
Sept. 9	5:54-7:13
Sept. 10	5:55-7:11
Sept. 11	5:56-7:09
Sept. 12	5:58-7:08
Sept. 13	5:59-7:06
Sept. 14	6:00-7:04
Sept. 15	6:01-7:02

#### Hunting Hour Zones



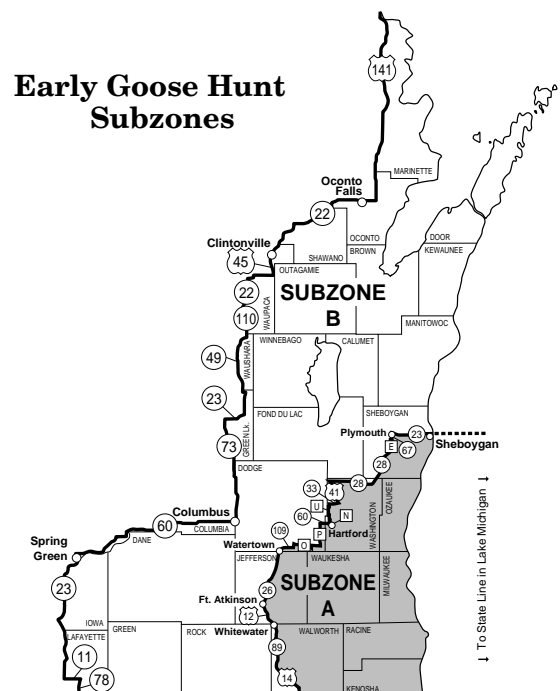
**Non-Toxic Shot:** Non-toxic shot (steel or bismuth shot) use is required for all waterfowl hunting.

**Licenses and stamps:** All hunters must possess current Wisconsin hunting licenses and the required state and federal waterfowl stamps to participate in this special hunt. (Note: A person who has not reached the age of 16 years is not required to have either stamp.) Wisconsin hunter safety graduates do not need to purchase the state stamp during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free.

**Mail in Harvest Report:** You *must fill out and return* the Harvest Report located on the back of your permit within 48 hours after the season closes whether you hunted or not. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Other Information:** The purpose of this hunt is to provide additional control of local giant Canada goose populations. All usual state and federal restrictions for waterfowl hunting will apply to this early September Canada goose season.

### Early Goose Hunt Subzones



# State and Federal Migratory Game Bird Restrictions

**Migratory game birds** include ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots, gallinules, woodcock and snipe. The restrictions which apply include all those listed in the general hunting regulations (separate pamphlet) plus the following:

All rules below are both State (S) and Federal (F) unless specifically noted.

- **Dual violation:** Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.
- **Caution:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Migratory Bird Coordinator, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111. Telephone: (612) 725-3313. It is the hunter's responsibility to know what rules apply.

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to hunt:

- **Hours:** Hunt before or after established hunting hours.
- **Closed season:** Take migratory game birds during the closed season.
- **Daily bag limits:** Take, in any one day, more than one daily bag limit.

## Methods Restrictions

### 1. Open Water (S)

**"Open water"** means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment to the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in the water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

- **Open Water Hunting:** No person may hunt waterfowl in open water from any blind which may include any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance, or similar device.

*Note: You may hunt in any open water area provided you are standing on the bottom without the aid of a blind. Blinds mean any securely anchored boat, canoe, raft or similar device. All open water blinds shall be removed at the close of hunting hours each day.*

- **Jump Shooting:** The open water restrictions are not intended to prohibit legal jump shooting activities. It is legal to hunt by boat in streams. However, on larger bodies of water, the hunter must keep a portion of the boat in natural vegetation. Skirting the edge of rivers and lakes in this manner is considered legal.

### 2. Structures, Boats and Vehicles

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

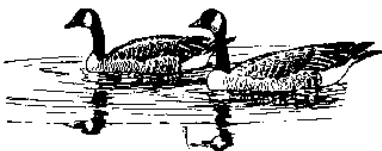
- **Structures (S):** Hunt from any pier, dam, dock, breakwater or similar artificial structure. Class A disabled hunting permit holders are exempted.
- **Sink box:** Hunt from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- **Waterfowl blinds (S):** Establish a waterfowl blind on state property, including the bed of any navigable lake, prior to 7 days before the waterfowl season or leave it established beyond 7 days after the close of the waterfowl season. Any blind left on state property during the season must permanently bear the name (in lettering one-inch square or larger) of the person who constructed the blind.
- **Moving boats:** Hunt from any moving boat not in open water unless it is propelled by paddle, oars or pole. Motorboats and sailboats must have their motors completely shut off and/or the sail furled before loading and shooting.
- **Vehicle use:** Take migratory game birds from, or with the aid or use of, any vehicle except by qualified disabled persons under DNR permit.

### 3. Devices

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Decoys:** Hunt with decoys which are:
  1. Placed beyond 200 feet from the cover in which the hunter is located (S).
  2. Placed in the water prior to one hour before the opening of waterfowl hunting time (S).
  3. Left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of waterfowl hunting time (S).
  4. Left in the water unattended. *Note: You may leave decoys unattended on dry land (S).*
  5. Live, regardless of distance from the hunter. It is also illegal to hunt with the aid of or use of live decoys.

All live, tame, or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.



- **Bird calls:** Use records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- **Baiting:** Hunt on or over a baited area or by the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.
- **Hazing:** Use in any manner any air, water, or motor-driven land conveyance for the purposes of concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up any migratory game bird to put them in the range of hunters.

### 4. Guns and Ammunition

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Shotguns:** Hunt with anything other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder, bow and arrow, or by falconry. Persons possessing Class A disabled or crossbow hunting permits may use a crossbow. Taking with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance is illegal.
- **Shotgun capacity:** Hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- **Shot type:** Hunt with any type of lead shot when hunting waterfowl, coots and gallinules. Any shot used must be nontoxic (defined below). This means muzzleloaders must also use nontoxic shot. Only nontoxic sizes BB, BBB, T, or smaller are legal. Size F shot is illegal in Wisconsin. In addition, no person may possess any shotshell loaded with shot material other than nontoxic shot when hunting waterfowl, coots or gallinules.

Nontoxic shot means bismuth-tin shot in a mixture of 97-3% respectively, steel shot and copper or nickel plated steel shot with plating not exceeding .0002 inches or 1% or less of shot by weight.

- **Weapons transport (S):** Carry in or on a motor-driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded and such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

**Notice:** Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges, except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.